

COVENANT

Between

The Anglican Parish of Kilcoy

The Roman Catholic Parish of Stanley River

The Kilcoy Uniting Church Congregation

The Redeemer Lutheran Church

We, the members and ministers of the Anglican, Roman Catholic, Lutheran and Uniting Churches, confessing our faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and believing that the Unity of the Church is the will of God, hereby commit ourselves to further this unity venturing together into a Local Covenant. Recognising our communion with God and with one another in Christ's Body the Church, and repenting of all that separates Christian from Christian, we affirm and value all the traditions we represent, and we acknowledge that the beliefs we hold in common are greater than those which keep us apart.

In order to proclaim the Gospel by common witness and service in the community and in the world, and in obedience to God's call, through the power of the Holy Spirit, we therefore covenant with each other:

to work together in love,

to pray and care for one another and for our neighbour, and

to live together in fellowship to the greater glory of God.

We also commit ourselves to enact and fulfil such matters as our Churches shall determine by common consent are set out in THE SUPPLEMENT to the Covenant. The Supplement shall be reviewed annually and reaffirmed at an annual Ecumenical Worship Service.

Here follow the signatures of the representatives of the participating Churches.

**Bishop Richard Appleby, The Bishop of the Northern Region, Anglican Diocese of Brisbane
The Anglican Parish of Kilcoy**

**Bishop John Gerry, Auxiliary Bishop,
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane
The Roman Catholic Parish of Stanley River**

**Reverend Bob Warwick, Chairman, Moreton Rivers Presbytery, Queensland Synod, Uniting
Church of Australia
The Kilcoy Uniting Church Congregation**

**Rev Tim Jaensch – President, Queensland District,
Lutheran Church of Australia
The Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Dated 1st June 2001

**SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
LOCAL COVENANT
BEWEEN**

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We stress the importance of ministerial accord where new appointments are made to Churches within the Covenant urging all those responsible for future appointments to ensure that potential ministers are fully aware of the Covenant and its implications.

We Covenant in our common intention to:

- 1) Pray regularly both in our private prayer and public worship for all member Churches as well as non-member Churches.**
- 2) Unite in acts of worship annually particularly -**
 - a) Australia Day (26 January)**
 - b) During Lent**
 - c) Renewal of Covenant at or around Pentecost**
 - d) Advent – ecumenical worship/carols service**
- 3) Encourage our clergy to attend the Ministers’ Fraternal regularly.**
- 4) Coordinate study groups during Lent and at other times where possible e.g. Christian in Dialogue programme.**
- 5) While preserving the integrity of the normal worship service in each Church, to facilitate visiting preachers from covenanted Churches to present the homily/sermon/message where this is possible.**
- 6) Consider together matters of common interest from time to time. These could include “community” as well as “Church” matters.**
- 7) To strive to be aware of where the new ground lies so that we can further the work and witness of Christian unity and engage in Christian Mission e.g.**
 - a) Care of inter-church couples – marriages and baptisms.**
 - b) Conducting non-eucharistic funeral services in each other’s churches (or at the cemetery/crematorium) when the resident priest/minister is away, and only when doing so does not contravene the wishes of the bereaved family or the practice and policy of the Church concerned.**
 - c) To maintain an effective cooperative religious education programme in the State Schools in our area and to work in accordance with the Stanley Rover Ecumenical Cooperative RE Agreement signed in 2007. (Amended 2007)**
 - d) To encourage greater participation of members of our faith communities in the Kidzone Programme (deleted 2010)**
 - e) To maintain and develop a Pastoral Care Programme (Amended 2005)**